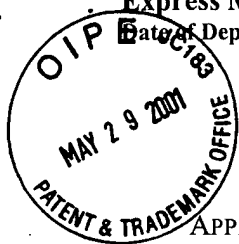


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

This paper is in response to the Office action mailed November 27, 2000. Applicants file concurrently herewith a petition for a three (3) month extension of time, together with a check for \$445.00 to cover the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, this amendment is due on or before Tuesday, May 29, 2001 (Monday, May 28th being Memorial Day, a Federal Holiday). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee due with this submission, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Ref. No. 00960-562.

REMARKS

Claims 47-53, 56-61 and 63-68 are under consideration. The Examiner's bases for objection and rejection in the November 27, 2000 Office Action are addressed below.

THE 102(E) REJECTION

Claims 47-49, 51-53, 56-59 and 63-68 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,741,180 to Cousens *et al.* [hereinafter referred to as the Cousens patent], in view of WO84/03103 to Löfdahl *et al.* (hereafter "Löfdahl") and Lehninger (Biochemistry, 1978, Worth Publishing, pages 130-131). The Cousens patent was a continuation-in-part application derived from an abandoned patent application U.S.S.N.